

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. Public  
interest has been  
historically defined  
by the broadcast of  
a wide array of  
opinions and  
providing equal time  
to divergent views.

Rather than serving  
the public interest,  
Sinclair is serving  
what it believes to  
be its own best  
interest, and the  
public deprived of a  
diversity of  
opinions suffers in  
the end.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.